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ROAD CONSTRUCTION
LAOS/CHINA BORDER

1. SIGNIFICANCE:

THIS BOARD DEPICTS NEWLY OBSERVED ROAD CONSTRUCTION EXTENDING SOUTH FROM THE LAOS/CHINA BORDER, THROUGH THE BAN BOTENE AREA OF LAOS.

2. LOCATION:

BAN BOTENE IS LOCATED IN NORTHERN LAOS AT 2110N 10140E, NEAR THE CHINA BORDER.

3. BACKGROUND:

THE CHINESE SEGMENT OF THIS ROAD, ROUTE 412, HAS BEEN SERVICEABLE TO THE BORDER FOR AT LEAST TWO YEARS; HOWEVER, UNTIL NOW, ONLY FOOT TRAILS HAD BEEN OBSERVED IN THE BAN BOTENE AREA.

4. MISSION READOUT:

THE NEW ROAD IS OBSERVED IN VARYING STAGES OF CONSTRUCTION, EXTENDING GENERALLY SE A TOTAL OF 30 NM FROM THE LAOS/CHINA BORDER AT 21-11-25N 101-41-18E (UTM QD790453) TO 20-51-00N 101-50-00E (QD948079).

THE NORTHERN 13 NM SEGMENT IS SERVICEABLE FOR TRUCKS AND OTHER CONSTRUCTION VEHICLES UTILIZING A COMBINATION OF THE NEW ROADBED AND TEMPORARY ALIGNMENTS (E.G. STREAM BEDS AND WIDENED TRAILS). FROM THIS POINT SOUTH, CONSTRUCTION IS LESS COMPLETE WITH THE SOUTHERNMOST 8 NM CONSISTING OF INTERMITTENT CLEARING, GENERALLY FOLLOWING THE ALIGNMENT OF THE LONG

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ABANDONED LAOTIAN ROUTE 4.

ASSOCIATED FACILITIES ALONG THE ROUTE CONSIST OF NINE CONSTRUCTION CAMPS/SUPPORT FACILITIES TOTALING AT LEAST 80 BUILDINGS WITH THE LARGEST CONCENTRATIONS LOCATED AT QD780413, QD750365, QD773248, AND QD933080. SIXTEEN TRUCKS AND EIGHT UNIDENTIFIED VEHICLES ARE OBSERVED ALONG THE SERVICEABLE SEGMENT.

PHOTO INSET 1 DEPICTS THE NEW ROAD CROSSING THE LAOS/CHINA BORDER, A NEWLY OBSERVED CONSTRUCTION CAMP ON THE BORDER IN CHINA, AND 19 TRUCKS ON CHINA ROUTE 412 BETWEEN THE BORDER AND THE ROUTE 412/4023 JUNCTION.

PHOTO INSET 2 DEPICTS ONE OF THE CONSTRUCTION CAMPS CONSISTING OF AT LEAST 20 BUILDINGS LOCATED AT 21-06-40N 101-38-55E (QD750365), A PORTION OF THE ROAD CONSTRUCTION, AND 12 TRUCKS AS WELL AS FOUR UNIDENTIFIED VEHICLES

5. REMARKS:

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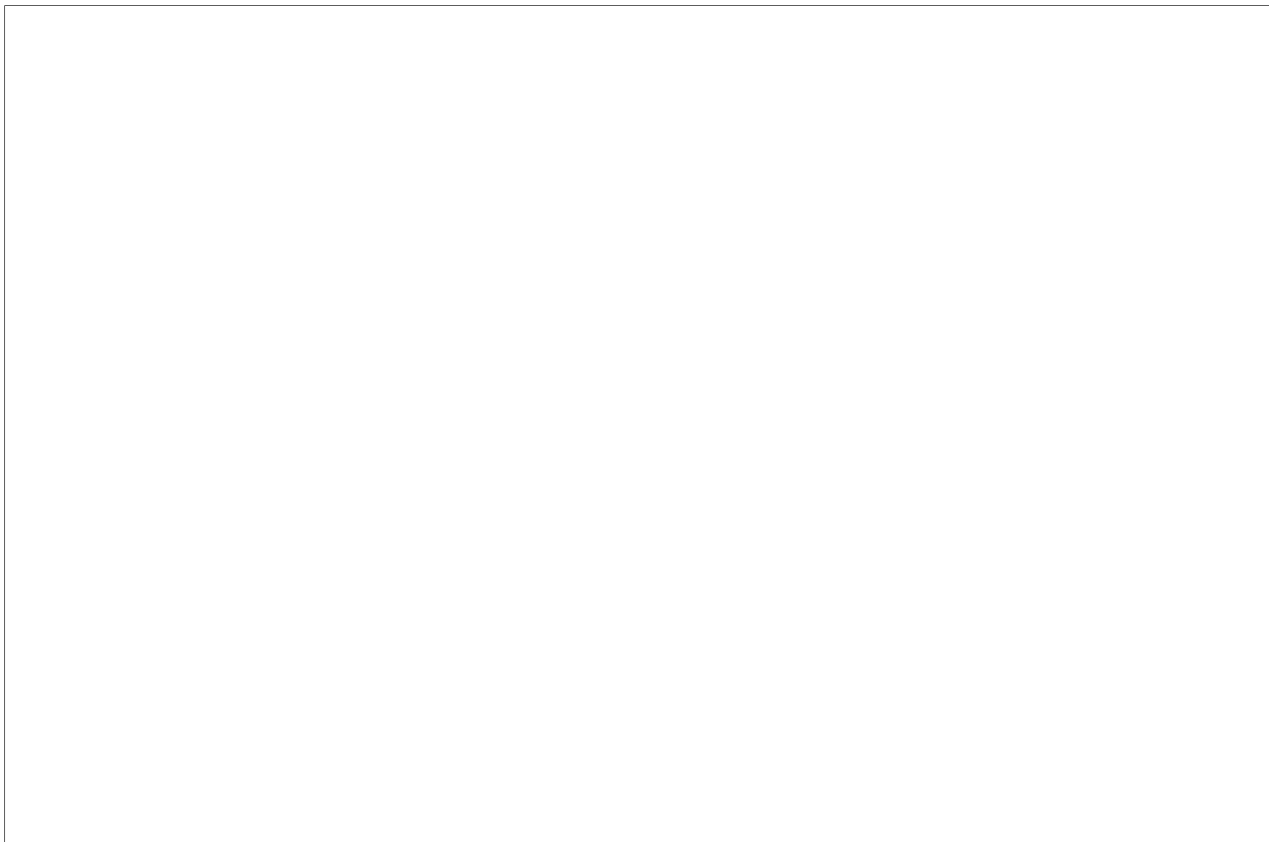
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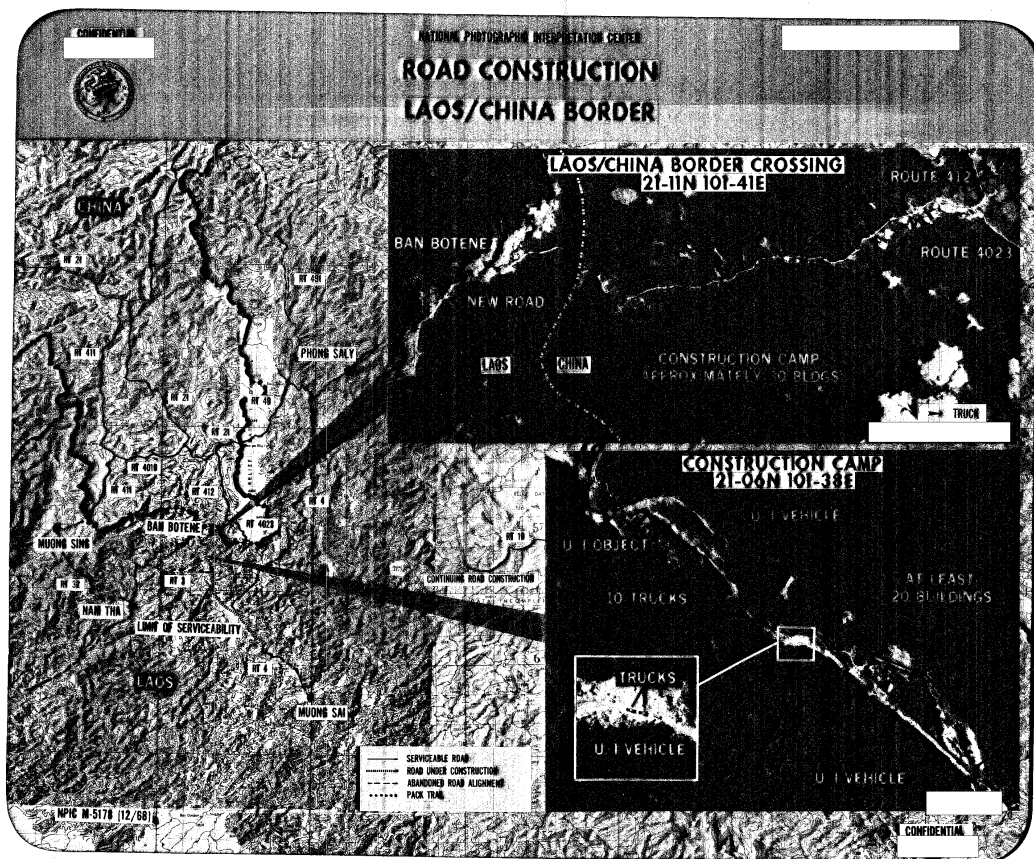
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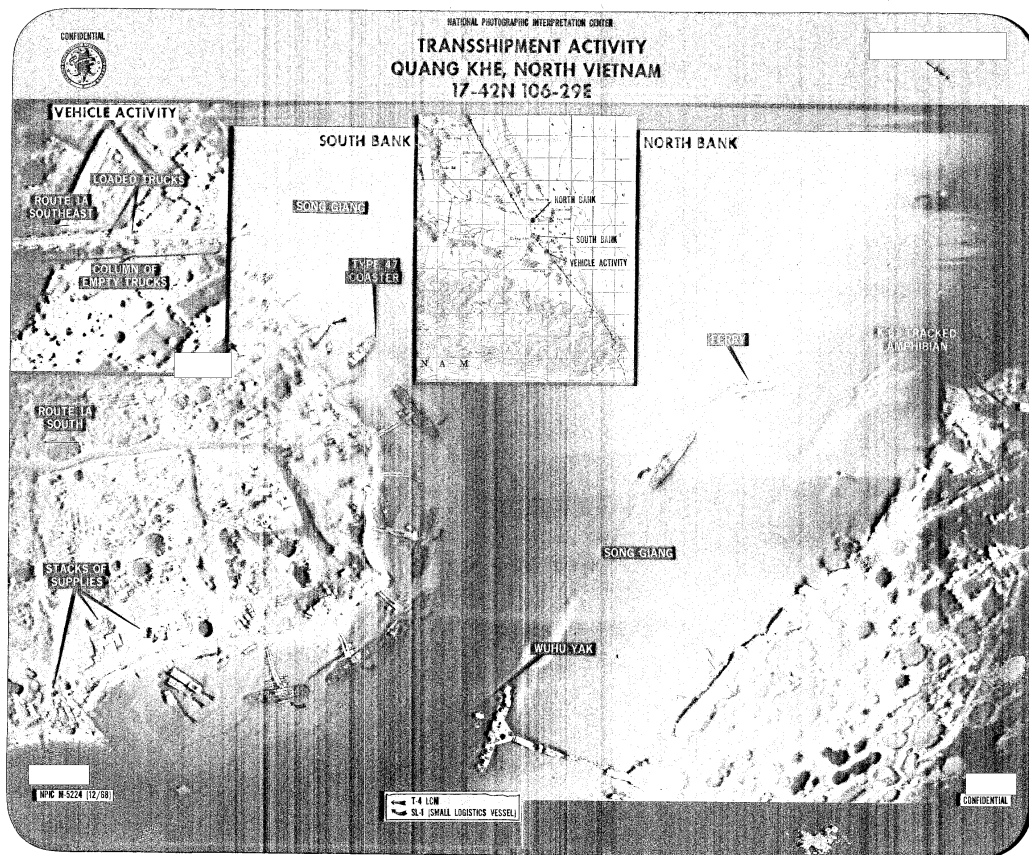
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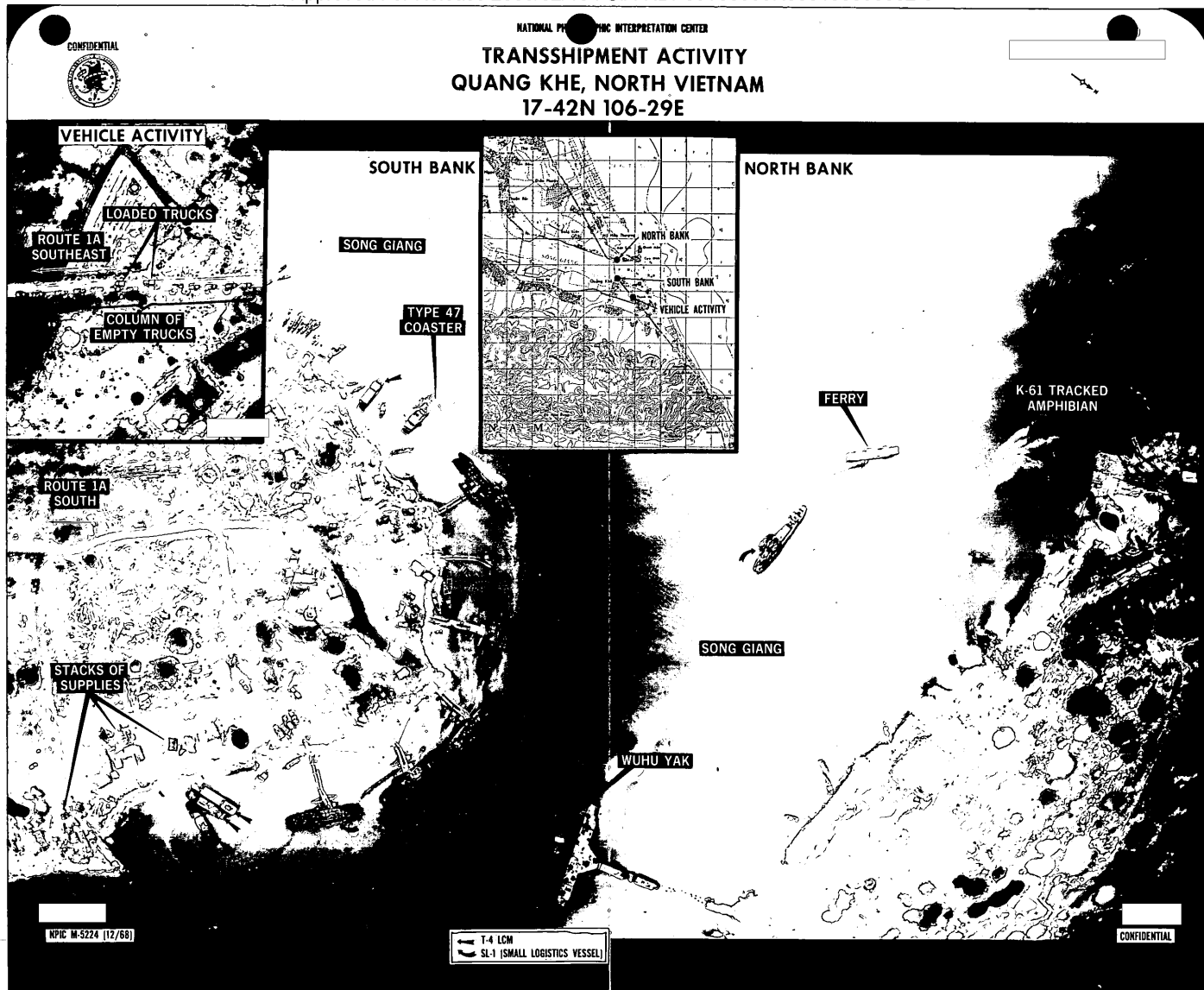


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TRANSSHIPMENT ACTIVITY
QUANG KHE, NORTH VIETNAM
1742N 10629E

1. SIGNIFICANCE:

THIS BRIEFING BOARD DEPICTS A HIGH LEVEL OF TRANSSHIPMENT ACTIVITY AT QUANG KHE, NORTH VIETNAM.

2. LOCATION:

THE TRANSSHIPMENT AREA IS LOCATED ON ROUTE 1A AT THE QUANG KHE NAVAL BASE SOUTH ALONG BOTH BANKS OF THE SONG GIANG (RIVER) AND SEVENTY-THREE NM SOUTHEAST OF VINH.

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3. BACKGROUND:

THIS TRANSSHIPMENT AREA WAS THE SITE OF CONSIDERABLE ACTIVITY DURING THE 1967 TET TRUCE AND DURING THE 1967-68 CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR TRUCE PERIOD. DURING THE 1967 TET TRUCE, 8 THROUGH 11 FEBRUARY 1967, NUMEROUS WATER-BORNE LOGISTICS CRAFT (INCLUDING SL-1) WERE SIGHTED FOR THE 1ST TIME IN NORTH VIETNAM. THEY ACCOUNTED FOR A MAJOR PORTION OF THE LOGISTICS EFFORT. HOWEVER, NO LARGE WATER-BORNE LOGISTICS CRAFT WERE OBSERVED AT QUANG KHE DURING THE 1967-68 CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR TRUCE PERIOD.

4. MISSION READOUT:

PHOTOGRAPHY FROM REVEALS A HIGH LEVEL OF TRANSSHIPPING ACTIVITY IN THE QUANG KHE AREA. THE 195 FOOT

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NORTH VIETNAMESE FREIGHTER THUONG NHAT, (NOT SHOWN ON GRAPHIC) WHICH IS RIDING AT ANCHOR JUST OFF THE SOUTH BANK IS BEING OFF-LOADED BY SEVERAL SAMPANS. NUMEROUS POL DRUMS WHICH MADE UP PART OF THE THONG NHAT'S CARGO, COVER THE BEACH AREA NEXT TO THE FREIGHTER. ONE WUHU YAK IS OBSERVED POSSIBLY GETTING UNDERWAY FROM THE T-HEAD PIER ON THE NORTH BANK. FIVE SL-1 DOCKED ON THE SOUTH BANK ARE UNLOADING SUPPLIES ON TO NUMEROUS TRUCKS. THREE SL-1 ARE ANCHORED NEAR THE NORTH BANK, ONE OF WHICH IS BEING OFF-LOADED INTO SAMPANS. ONE SL-3/4 IS BEING OFF-LOADED NEAR THE SOUTH BANK. (NOT SHOWN ON GRAPHIC) EIGHT T-4 LCM (FOUR NOT DEPICTED ON GRAPHIC) ARE LOCATED AT THE SOUTH BANK. ONE TYPE 47 COASTER AND NUMEROUS RIVER CRAFT AND UNLOADING SUPPLIES. FOUR K-61 TRACKED AMPHIBIANS (TWO NOT SHOWN ON GRAPHIC) ARE BEING UTILIZED AT BOTH NORTH AND SOUTH BANKS.

EIGHT PROBABLE 25 MT POL TANKS (NOT SHOWN ON GRAPHIC) WHICH MAY BE SERVICED BY FLEXIBLE HOSE FROM COASTERS ARE PLACED IN PAIRS IN FOUR BUNKERS ON THE SOUTH BANK OF THE TRANSSHIPMENT AREA. LARGE QUANTITIES OF SUPPLIES (SACKS, BOXES, CRATES, DRUMS) ARE AWAITING SHIPMENT SOUTH. A CONVOY OF 34 EMPTY TRUCKS (12 SHOWN ON INSET) ARE LOCATED 0.3 NM SOUTH OF THE TRANSSHIPMENT AREA, PROBABLY AWAITING TO BE LOADED. TWO LOADED TRUCKS ARE HEADING SOUTH.

A TRUCK PARK CONTAINING APPROXIMATELY TWENTY-SEVEN TRUCKS AND NUMEROUS TENTS IS LOCATED 1 NM SOUTHEAST OF THE SOUTH BANK.

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